

BUDGET MEETING-MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017-7:00 PM-MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Budget meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor, Russ Lorenz. Roll call: Kevin Mack, Ben Holien, Jeannie Czaplewski and Larry Johansen. Citizens present: Brian and Amanda Lacey. Meeting was held as noticed. Lorenz opened the floor to public comment. No citizens spoke. Motion Mack, second Holien to adjourn the meeting. All yes, motion carried.

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017-MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 7:00 PM**

The Regular meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor Russ Lorenz at 7:05 p.m. Roll call: Kevin Mack, Ben Holien, Jeannie Czaplewski and Larry Johansen. Citizens present: Brian and Amanda Lacey. Also present, City Superintendent Stan Meier. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Laceys were at the meeting to request an easement to put a new sanitary system in at their property on North Belvidere Street. Council reviewed septic system plans and county zoning recommendations. Clerk noted holding tank was moved from original plan to be north of the alley instead of in the alley. Motion Holien, second Mack to approve an easement for Brian and Amanda Lacey, 76 N. Bevlidere St. to locate the line from the septic holding tank to the drainfield under the alleyway that runs through their property. All yes, motion carried.

Financial: Discussion on resolution to terminate the perpetual care fund for the City of Buffalo City Cemetery. This will allow the City to budget all funds directly through the City's General Operating Fund. Due to the continued low balance in the account the general fund has been supporting the cemetery for year. Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to approve Resolution 2017-01 authorizing the termination of the perpetual care for the City of Buffalo City cemetery. All yes, motion carried. Discussion on council salary increases. Following state statutes the salary increases must be voted on prior to the nomination period of each seat. Motion Mack, second Johansen to approve salary increases for the mayor and Council seats currently held by Ben Holien and Jeannie Czaplewski in April 2018 and council seats currently held by Larry Johansen and Kevin Mack in April 2019. Mayor salary to increase from \$70/meeting to \$85/meeting and council salaries to increase from \$60/meeting to \$75/meeting. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Holien to approve the 2018 City of Buffalo City Budget with a levy of \$265,143. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried.

Recreation: Scenic Valley Swimming Pool report was reviewed. Council would like to know what their current cash balance is. Holien said little league improvements planned for fall must be taking place in spring now. Little League report was unavailable at the time of the meeting. Mack would like to know if Town of Belvidere has budgeted money for either the little league or swimming pool this year.

Cemetery: Discussion on repairs needed on the Weinandy Mausoleum. Estimate for repairs received from Ron Schutz for \$7,950. This amount was budgeted. Motion Holien, second Mack to contract with Schutz for repairs on Weinandy Mausoleum with work to be done between May 29th and August 17th 2018 with stipulations as written. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried.

Building: One permit for a new garage with stipulations to build a new attached house on South River Road will be signed this week.

Riverfront: Second Street fishing dock work still needs to be done. Lorenz said if Holien could get the part, Meier could get it fixed. Plan to have dedication around Memorial weekend next spring to honor those that donated the money for the dock.

Health & Safety: Property maintenance issues on South Herman Street and 16h Street were discussed. Clerk will gather additional information from attorney for next meeting.

Mayor: Part-time position was discussed.

Superintendent: Water turned off for winter at park bathrooms, ball park and cemetery.

Clerk: Discussion on employee insurance. Insurance premium increased but not as much as our insurance agent predicted. Discussion on whether the City should look at different options including the amount of insurance premium paid by both employee and City. Mack would like to see other options discussed and possibly lowering the percent the City pays. Historically the City has covered all or almost all the cost of health insurance. Lorenz said he would like to warn Meier this year that he may need to pay more of the premium next year but pay the amount as planned this year. Motion Holien, second Johansen to approve giving Meier a health insurance stipend of \$600 per month in 2018 to pay his premium. Holien, Johansen, Czaplewski – yes; Mack – abstain. Motion carried. Employee handbook reviewed. Revisions suggested. Clerk will bring revised copy to the council for approval at the December meeting. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to approve an operator's license for Berg (Cove). All yes, motion carried.

Motion Mack, second Johansen to pay bills. All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Holien to adjourn meeting. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk